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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

Administrative Action

SUZANNE ZIPES a/k/a JACKI ZIPES CONSENT ORDER GRANTING
AN UNRESTRICTED LICENSE
TO PRACTICE CLINICAL ALCOHOL

TO PRACTICE CLINICAL : ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING :

IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AND DRUG COUNSELING

This matter was opened before the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee (the "Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners upon receipt of Suzanne Zipes' request for an unrestricted license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling.

On June 14, 2004 respondent submitted an application for licensure in which she disclosed that she had been disciplined by the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners and the New

Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. In a Consent Order filed on February 11, 1999, the New Jersey State Boards of Social Work Examiners and Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners found that respondent had provided inadequate supervision of her employees and had engaged in an impermissible dual relationship with a client. Pursuant to the Consent Order, respondent voluntarily agreed to cease and desist from all professional practice requiring a license as either a social worker or a marriage and family therapist for two years, paid costs and civil penalties and agreed to refrain from the use of the Ph.D. credential she obtained from an unaccredited institution in professional settings, identification and/or any advertisements in New Jersey.

The Committee filed a Consent Order on August 26, 2005, granting Ms. Zipes a restricted license to practice alcohol and drug counseling. Pursuant to that Consent Order respondent was precluded from engaging in any independent or private practice unless her counseling was supervised. Respondent was also precluded from engaging in the supervision of alcohol and drug counseling. The Consent Order provided that after successfully completing one year of supervision, respondent could seek an unrestricted license to practice alcohol and drug counseling. The Consent Order also required Ms. Zipes to use the first name "Suzanne" on all documents and advertisements related to alcohol

and drug counseling and Employment Assistance Programs, including but not limited to business cards.

Respondent has submitted quarterly reports from her supervisor documenting that she has successfully completed one year of supervision and has provided documentation that she had complied with the terms of the August 26, 2005 Consent Order.

The Committee having reviewed documentation demonstrating that respondent has complied with the Consent Order, including written evaluations from her supervisor, and all relevant documents submitted and finding that respondent has fully complied with the prior Order of the Committee and that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare;

IT IS on this 21 or day of Lamber, 2006, ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Suzanne Zipes is hereby granted an unrestricted licence to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling in the State of New Jersey.
- 2. Suzanne Zipes shall continue to use the first name "Suzanne" on all documents and advertisements related to alcohol and drug counseling and Employment Assistance Programs, including but not limited to business cards, unless and until she submits

documentation to the Committee demonstrating that she has legally changed her name.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

Edward Reading, Ed

Committee Chair

I have read and understand the above order and agreed to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter the Order.

Suzanne Zipes

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